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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2232

INFO AMCONSUL SYDNEY

AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OREP, TECH, AS

SUBJ: CODEL HOSMER

REFS: (A) CANBERRA 6887 (B) CANBERRA 6855 (C) STATE 243961

1. MINERALS AND ENERGY MINISTER CONNOR WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO RECEIVE CODEL HOSMER JANUARY 9, BUT APPOINTMENT FOR LATE AFTERNOON OF JAN. 8 APPEARS LIKELY. MORNING OF JAN. 10 WOULD BE SECOND CHOICE.

2. EMBASSY'S NORMALLY SCANT TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES NOW STRETCHED THINNER STILL DUE TO RECENT LOSS OF ONE VEHICLE AND ILLNESS ONE DRIVER. EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO ACCOMMODATE NEEDS OF REP. HOSMER FROM OWN RESOURCES. HOWEVER, TO PROVIDE SIGHTSEEING OR OTHER LOCAL INTEREST TRAVEL FOR MRS. HOSMER, EMBASSY WILL HAVE TO HIRE OUTSIDE VEHICLE AND DRIVER, CITING FUNDS AUTHORIZATION IN PARA 7 OF REF (C).

3. EMBASSY WILL PAY SIX DAYS PER DIEM FOR AUSTRALIA AND THREE DAYS ADVANCE PER DIEM FOR FIJI IN AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS. IN LIGHT FRENCH EMBASSY VIEW THAT U.S. DOLLARS MORE EASILY CONVERTED THAN AUST DOLLARS TO CPF FRANCS, EMBASSY PLANS TO PAY THREE DAYS ADVANCE PER DIEM FOR TAHITI IN US DOLLARS.

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4. ASSUMING CODEL WILL TRAVEL THROUGH TO CANBERRA JAN.

8 (REF B), EMBASSY HAS RESERVED FOUR FIRST CLASS SEATS ON TN401, LEAVING SYDNEY 1410, ARRIVING CANBERRA 1450. THIS IS EARLIEST FEASIBLE CONNECTION WITH TE-701 FROM AUCKLAND AND WILL GIVE CODEL TIME FOR ENTRY FORMALITIES, TRANSFER FROM INTERNATIONAL TO DOMESTIC TERMINAL AND LUNCH PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. RESERVATIONS ALSO MADE FOR JAN 10 RETURN TO SYDNEY ABOARD TN-476, DEPARTING CANBERRA 0930, ASSUMING CALL ON MINISTER CONNOR NOT SCHEDULED THAT MORNING.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CONFIRM THAT CODEL WILL TRAVEL THROUGH TO CANBERRA JAN. 8 AND WILL ACCEPT AMB. GREEN'S INVITATION (REF A) TO STAY AT HIS RESIDENCE SO THAT EMBASSY CAN CANCEL HOTEL RESERVATIONS.
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